



OFFICE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Leading USAID's locally led development efforts

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Welcome New Local Works Missions

The Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment's Office of Local Sustainability (E3/LS) is pleased to announce the most recent USAID Mission winners of its [Local Works](#) competition: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kenya, Kosovo, Nepal, Paraguay, Timor Leste, and Zimbabwe.

Local Works is a unique program designed to advance locally led development and strengthen the Agency's ability to enhance self-reliance and promote resilience. It empowers local actors to take the lead in addressing development challenges by providing resources to USAID Missions to expand and deepen relationships with local actors - and by sharing lessons learned to benefit the whole Agency. Congratulations, and good luck!

Go Local: New Locally Led Development Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

E3/LS has simultaneously launched a new [BAA for Locally Led Development Innovation](#) - and the BAA's first [Addendum](#), "New Directions in Advancing Locally Led Development."

E3/LS welcomes Addenda from USAID Operating Units for this new BAA. Contact LLD-BAA@usaid.gov for more information.

In developing its Addendum, E3/LS sought feedback from dozens of Agency colleagues and reviewed hundreds of Agency documents to identify emerging thematic areas. Consultations around the Agency explored gaps in and challenges in our knowledge and practice related to locally led development. E3/LS selected five topic areas for initial exploration:

- Engaging the Local Private Sector;
- Conflict, Post-Conflict, and Non-Permissive Environments;
- Effective Partnerships;
- The Changing Role of the Donor; and
- Local Giving, Philanthropy, and Other Private Resources.

Please share the [Addendum](#) widely, and note that short Expressions of Interest are due to LLD-BAA@usaid.gov no later than 11:59pm EDT on **Friday, July 12, 2019**.



Nepal: USAID-Peace Corps Partnership Introduces Kiwifruit to Rural Communities

A Nepalese farmers' group planned and implemented a successful USAID [Small Project Assistance](#)- (SPA) funded project to diversify their agricultural portfolio. While kiwifruit is sold in major Nepalese cities, people in more rural settings may not have heard of it. A portion of the kiwifruit is imported, and some is grown in or around Kathmandu. Dr. Surya Pandey, the first farmer in Nepal to start kiwi production, shared his knowledge during a two-day training for 35 farmers in the Palpa district. These farmers built three small-scale commercial kiwifruit trellis systems and planted more than 40 kiwi plants, identifying a new way to generate income and introduce a new, nutritious fruit to their local markets. The local government then developed incentives for farmers to continue these practices. Since the training, the farmers plan to fill their local markets with community-grown, home-branded kiwi.



Uganda: Affordable Wiring Design Enables Millions to Access Electricity

In a small town outside Kampala, the high cost of wiring a house prevents many families from accessing electricity, despite living near the electrical grid. According to the World Bank, Uganda's GDP per capita income is around \$600 per year, while installation costs for a new grid connection can be three times this amount in sub-Saharan Africa. To increase electrical connections on the continent, USAID's Power Africa partnered with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International and Uganda's Rural Electrification Agency through the [Cooperative Development Program](#) (CDP) to develop a low-cost house wiring design that nearly cuts the price in half. By sourcing local materials and reducing costs per connection, this affordable wiring design will enable millions to get connected to electricity for the first time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

From the Field

- A summary of this year's inaugural [Local Works Global Workshop](#) is now available online.
- USAID/Dominican Republic's [Local Works](#) Field Coordinator, who speaks Creole, Spanish, French, and English, participated in the Mission's Rapid Education Assessment. The Field Coordinator brought a unique perspective to access to education for undocumented and/or Haitian children living along the border.
- USAID/Guatemala launched its External Advisory Committee (EAC) last month, chaired by the U.S. Ambassador Luis E. Arreaga. The EAC, comprised of Xinka, Garifuna, Maya, and Ladino youth, women, academics, and entrepreneurs, is part of the Mission's Indigenous Engagement Strategy implementation plan, supported by [Local Works](#). The EAC brings focus to locally led development and sheds light on how USAID and the Government of Guatemala can, together, strengthen engagement with indigenous leaders.
- USAID/Armenia hosted its first [Local Works](#) "listening workshop" with 20 participants from local organizations experienced in implementing large-scale community development projects in Armenian communities. Participants shared their projects and generated recommendations on how to engage, empower, and mobilize communities to

identify and address their own development challenges. They also discussed how to engage women and youth in decision-making and leadership.

- E3/LS [Co-Created Research Initiative](#) partner [LINC](#) published a [blog post](#) from its [Facilitating Financial Sustainability](#) project outlining key findings from local financial sustainability research related to the role of local philanthropy in financing self-reliance.

Locally Led Development Opportunities

- USAID's Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, in collaboration with M/CIO USAID Data Services, has launched an online, public [Development Cooperation Landscape Tool](#) to help USAID staff and partners understand the budgets and programs of other development cooperation actors working around the world.
- USAID/Philippines issued an [Request for Applications](#) in May for a [Local Works](#) activity that will facilitate the evolution of large, successful local cooperatives into local resource organizations (LROs). These LROs will mentor and provide capacity development support and technical assistance to smaller agriculture-oriented cooperatives in the Philippines.

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